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FRANKFORT, KY: Oct.09, 2009 - Kentucky Division of Emergency Management (KYEM), local emergency responders and county officials are responding to reports of damages from an EF2 tornado that hit near the communities of Clementsville and Rheber, located in Casey County, Kentucky. There are no known injuries at this time.

Ronald White, Casey County Judge Executive, has asked for assistance from the Kentucky Army National Guard. Troops from Campbellsville, KY are enroute to provide traffic control support.

Earlier today the National Weather Service confirmed an EF0 tornado touched down briefly in eastern Breckinridge County, causing damage to several mobile homes and barns.

Counties reporting weather related damages are:

Breckinridge Co. - straight line winds blew the roofs off of 2 trailers and destroyed a tobacco barn in the Harned area, trees down up through the Hardinsburg area. Several power lines are down reported near Lyons Daughtery Ln. Wind damage resulted in one roof blown off a residence and a barn sustained similar damage. No reports of outages in schools or care facilities. The Director is still out surveying.

Casey Co - Initial reports of tornado type damage with damage to mobile homes. NG assistance requested for checkpoints. Some power outage in the county.

Hardin Co - Reports are coming in with at least one roof damaged. Many trees and power poles were snapped in the same area. Trees were downed along highway 31w between Upton and Sonora.

Larue Co - reports that a metal pole barn was destroyed in the 400 Blk of Dixie Loop in Upton at the LaRue / Hardin Co. line. The residence on the property sustained medium damage as a result of a line of utility poles crashing and related damage to the home. Wind damage is only visible in a 1/4 mile area and the NWS is enroute to access for classification.

Marion Co - a barn and an outbuilding were damaged off Sam Browning road.

Monroe Co. - 3 homes that have sustained damages, one of which the roof is completely gone. Power Lines down.

Pulaski Co - Damage (mobile home trailer) on roadway KY 206 and KY 70. Possible injuries.

Trimble Co. - Normal roadway flooding associated with heavy rains.
Several homes
Were reported without water service.

Union Co - Waverly. Bottoms Roads flooded High water signs in place.

A weather system moved across the Commonwealth overnight and today producing heavy rains and was followed by a cold front which produced a squall line with high winds, strong to severe thunderstorms and potential tornadoes. The system is expected to weaken as it continues across the state. However, several watches and warning remain in effect for the south eastern portion of the commonwealth.

In the event of flooding, it is advised to limit travel unless absolutely necessary. But, if you must travel and do encounter water over a roadway; "STOP! TURN AROUND, DON'T DROWN!"

Watch for downed trees and power lines. DO NOT APPROACH downed power lines, call and report them to your local emergency director or utility company.

If a tornado watch or warning is issued, please take immediate action and seek shelter indoors in a designated "safe room" or in an interior hallway, closet or under a stairway.

For more weather information and weather safety tips, and related links, please visit the Kentucky Division of Emergency Management website at www.kyem.ky.gov .

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